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(PCT Article 18 and Rules 43 and 44)

Applicant's or agent's file reference NSC1P305.WO	FOR FURTHER ACTION <div style="float: right; font-size: small;">see Form PCT/ISA/220 as well as, where applicable, item 5 below.</div>	
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This international search report has been prepared by this International Searching Authority and is transmitted to the applicant according to Article 18. A copy is being transmitted to the International Bureau.

This international search report consists of a total of 7 sheets.

☐ It is also accompanied by a copy of each prior art document cited in this report.

1. Basis of the report

a. With regard to the **language**, the international search was carried out on the basis of:

- ☒ the international application in the language in which it was filed
☐ a translation of the international application into _____, which is the language of a translation furnished for the purposes of international search (Rules 12.3(a) and 23.1(b))

b. ☐ With regard to any **nucleotide and/or amino acid sequence** disclosed in the international application, see Box No. I.

2. ☐ **Certain claims were found unsearchable** (See Box No. II)

3. ☒ **Unity of invention is lacking** (see Box No. III)

4. With regard to the **title**,

- ☒ the text is approved as submitted by the applicant
☐ the text has been established by this Authority to read as follows:

5. With regard to the **abstract**,

- ☐ the text is approved as submitted by the applicant
☒ the text has been established, according to Rule 38.2(b), by this Authority as it appears in Box No. IV. The applicant may, within one month from the date of mailing of this international search report, submit comments to this Authority

6. With regard to the **drawings**,

- a. the figure of the **drawings** to be published with the abstract is Figure No. 3
☐ as suggested by the applicant
☐ as selected by this Authority, because the applicant failed to suggest a figure
☒ as selected by this Authority, because this figure better characterizes the invention
- b. ☐ none of the figures is to be published with the abstract

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A. CLASSIFICATION OF SUBJECT MATTER

INV. G02B6/12 G02B6/138 G06F3/033

According to International Patent Classification (IPC) or to both national classification and IPC

B. FIELDS SEARCHED

Minimum documentation searched (classification system followed by classification symbols)

G02B H01S G06F

Documentation searched other than minimum documentation to the extent that such documents are included in the fields searched

Electronic data base consulted during the international search (name of data base and, where practical, search terms used)

EPO-Internal, PAJ, WPI Data, INSPEC

C. DOCUMENTS CONSIDERED TO BE RELEVANT

Category*	Citation of document, with indication, where appropriate, of the relevant passages	Relevant to claim No.
X	EP 0 569 181 A (AMERICAN TELEPHONE AND TELEGRAPH COMPANY; AT&T CORP) 10 November 1993 (1993-11-10) figures 1,2,7-10 column 3, line 56 - column 6, line 26 claims	1,4,5, 9-13,15, 16,18,21
X	----- US 6 456 766 B1 (SHAW KEVIN A ET AL) 24 September 2002 (2002-09-24) figures 10,12-15 column 13, line 35 - column 15, line 29	1,4-6
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Further documents are listed in the continuation of Box C.



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A	PATENT ABSTRACTS OF JAPAN vol. 2000, no. 06, 22 September 2000 (2000-09-22) & JP 2000 078349 A (SHARP CORP), 14 March 2000 (2000-03-14) the whole document	1-3,6-9, 12-14, 16,17, 19-21
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Information on patent family members

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Box II Observations where certain claims were found unsearchable (Continuation of item 2 of first sheet)

This International Search Report has not been established in respect of certain claims under Article 17(2)(a) for the following reasons:

1. ☐ Claims Nos.:
because they relate to subject matter not required to be searched by this Authority, namely:
2. ☐ Claims Nos.:
because they relate to parts of the International Application that do not comply with the prescribed requirements to such an extent that no meaningful International Search can be carried out, specifically:
3. ☐ Claims Nos.:
because they are dependent claims and are not drafted in accordance with the second and third sentences of Rule 6.4(a).

Box III Observations where unity of invention is lacking (Continuation of item 3 of first sheet)

This International Searching Authority found multiple inventions in this international application, as follows:

see additional sheet

1. ☐ As all required additional search fees were timely paid by the applicant, this International Search Report covers all searchable claims.
2. ☐ As all searchable claims could be searched without effort justifying an additional fee, this Authority did not invite payment of any additional fee.
3. ☐ As only some of the required additional search fees were timely paid by the applicant, this International Search Report covers only those claims for which fees were paid, specifically claims Nos.:
4. ☒ No required additional search fees were timely paid by the applicant. Consequently, this International Search Report is restricted to the invention first mentioned in the claims; it is covered by claims Nos.:

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Remark on Protest

- ☐ The additional search fees were accompanied by the applicant's protest.
- ☐ No protest accompanied the payment of additional search fees.

FURTHER INFORMATION CONTINUED FROM PCT/ISA/ 210

This International Searching Authority found multiple (groups of) inventions in this international application, as follows:

1. claims: 1-22

an apparatus comprising a support substrate with a top surface, a waveguide being formed on top surface of the substrate having a thickness measured in orthogonal direction from the top surface of the substrate and an optical lens integrally formed with the waveguide having maximum lens thickness greater than waveguide thickness and collimating the rays emitted by the waveguide in a plane coplanar to the substrate.

2. claims: 23-29

an optical input device having support substrate with a top surface, bottom cladding layer on the top surface of the substrate, lamina of light over the top surface formed by a plurality of optical structures each comprising a waveguide and an optical lens, each structure formed upon the bottom cladding, each lens having first end connected to the respective waveguide and a second end forming front lens surface, each lens having a raised region between the ends, each lens collimating the rays emitted by the respective waveguide in a plane coplanar to the substrate and an optical position detection device optically coupled with the waveguides and configured to detect data entries.

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Box No. IV Text of the abstract (Continuation of item 5 of the first sheet)

Optical transmission structures include a waveguide (102) and an optical lens (104) wherein the optical lens has a sufficiently large thickness to allow the formation of a curved front lens surface (112) that collimates transmitted light rays so that they travel within a plane that is coplanar to a working surface. The present invention also relates to a technique for manufacturing the optical transmission structure, which involves the use of a photopolymer material. The optical transmission structure can be implemented in various systems such as a system for optical data input.